THE Brooklynite

A *NEW BROOKLYN* COMIC

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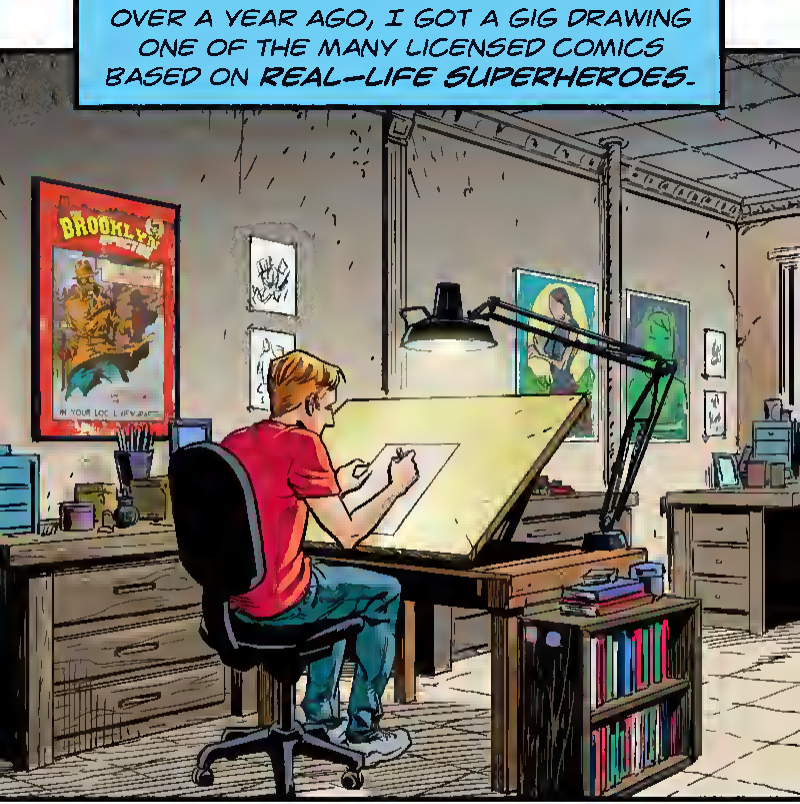
TAKING A STAND

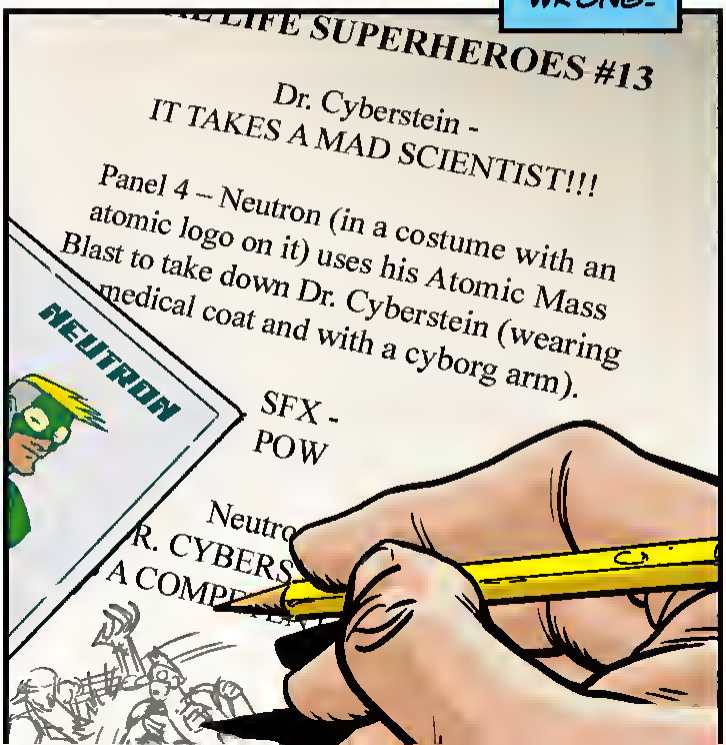
April 1st, 8:24 am. Gowanus, New Brooklyn.



TODAY I GOT FIRED.

APRIL FOOL'S JOKE, RIGHT?

WRONG.


LIFE SUPERHEROES #13
Dr. Cyberstein -
IT TAKES A MAD SCIENTIST!!!
Panel 4 – Neutron (in a costume with an atomic logo on it) uses his Atomic Mass Blast to take down Dr. Cyberstein (wearing medical coat and with a cyborg arm).
NEUTRON
SFX -
POW
Neutro
R. CYBERS
A COMP

I WAS SICK OF GLORIFYING THE TWO-BIT GLORY HOUND **SUPERHEROES** THAT MAKE MY HOME THEIR STOMPING GROUNDS.

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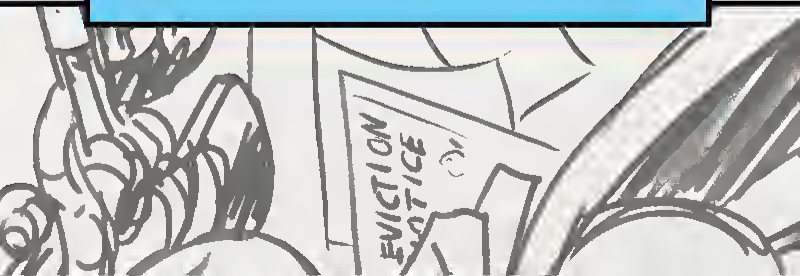
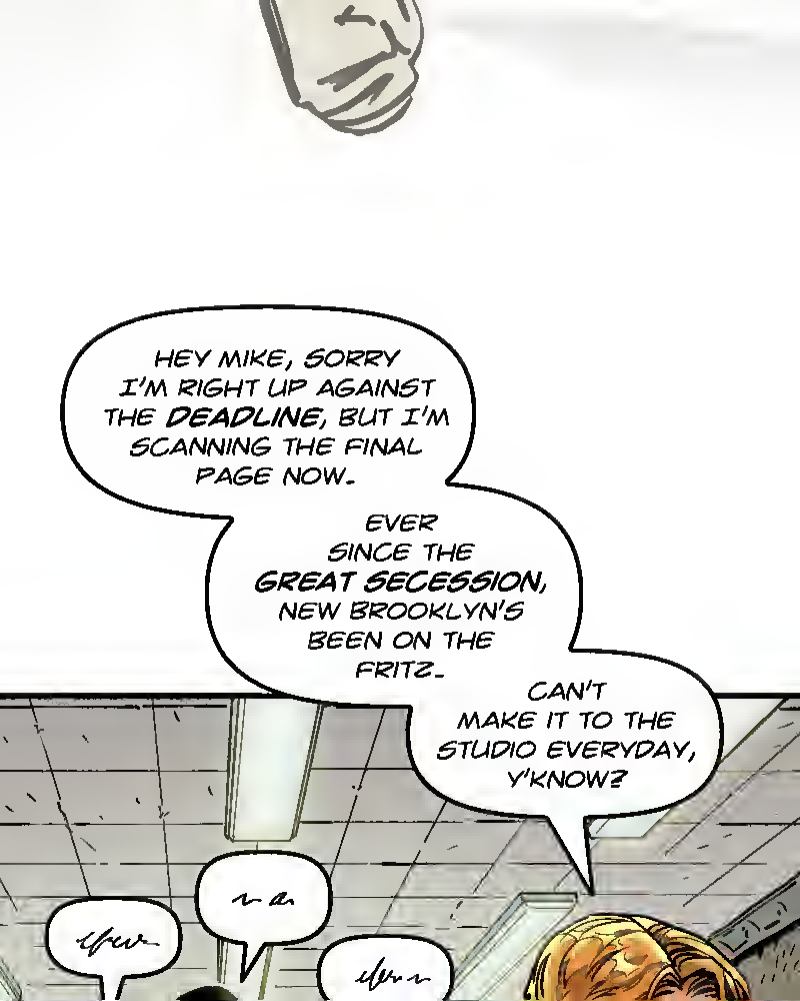
I HAD AN *IDEA!*

IT WAS TIME **SOMEONE** TOOK BACK BROOKLYN.

IT WAS TIME FOR THE BROOKLYNITE!




HEY MIKE, SORRY I'M RIGHT UP AGAINST THE DEADLINE, BUT I'M SCANNING THE FINAL PAGE NOW.
EVER SINCE THE GREAT SECESSION, NEW BROOKLYN'S BEEN ON THE FRITZ.
CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE STUDIO EVERYDAY, Y'KNOW?
uhm
ah
uhm

I COULD'VE PUBLISHED THIS NEW IDEA ON MY OWN, BUT I NEEDED TO MAKE A **STATEMENT**. I NEEDED TO GET IT INTO AN ISSUE OF **REAL-LIFE SUPERHEROES**.

IT'LL BE UPLOADED TO THE SERVER IN A FEW. I'M REALLY HAPPY WITH HOW THESE PAGES TURNED OUT, **BYE!**

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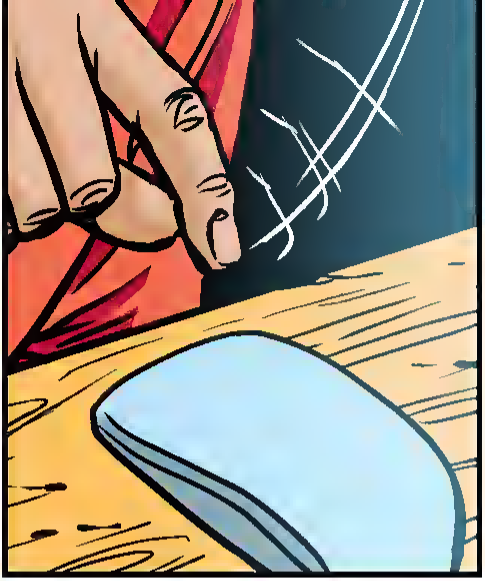

SURE, MY EDITOR MIGHT BE SORE AT FIRST...

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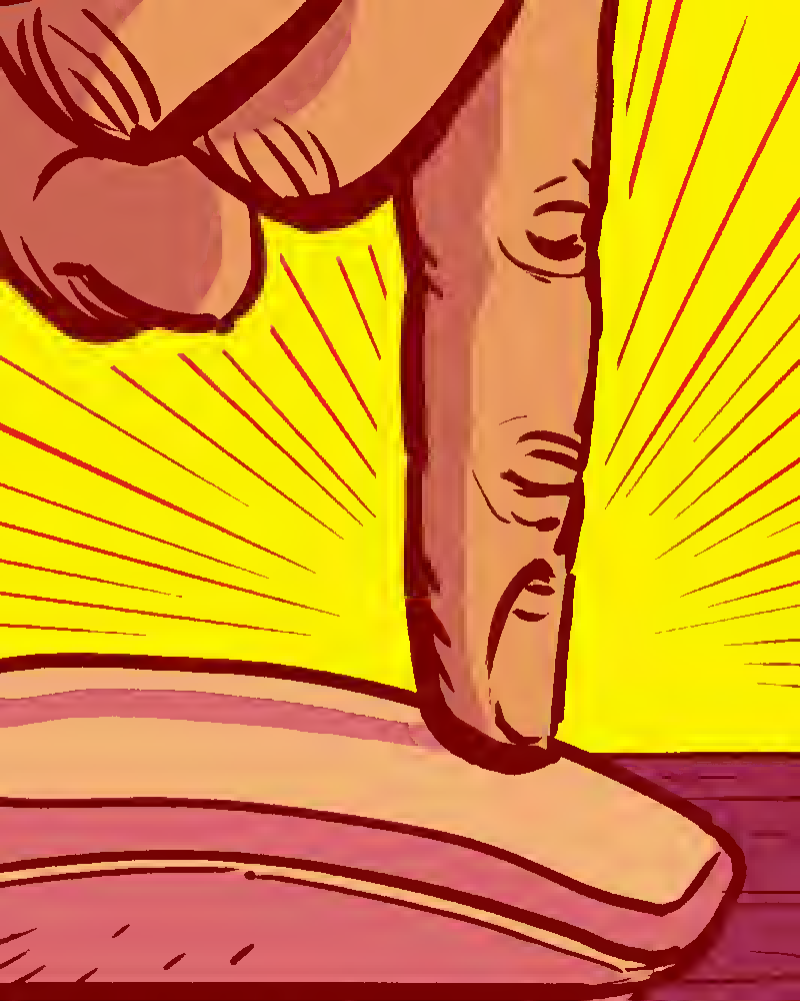

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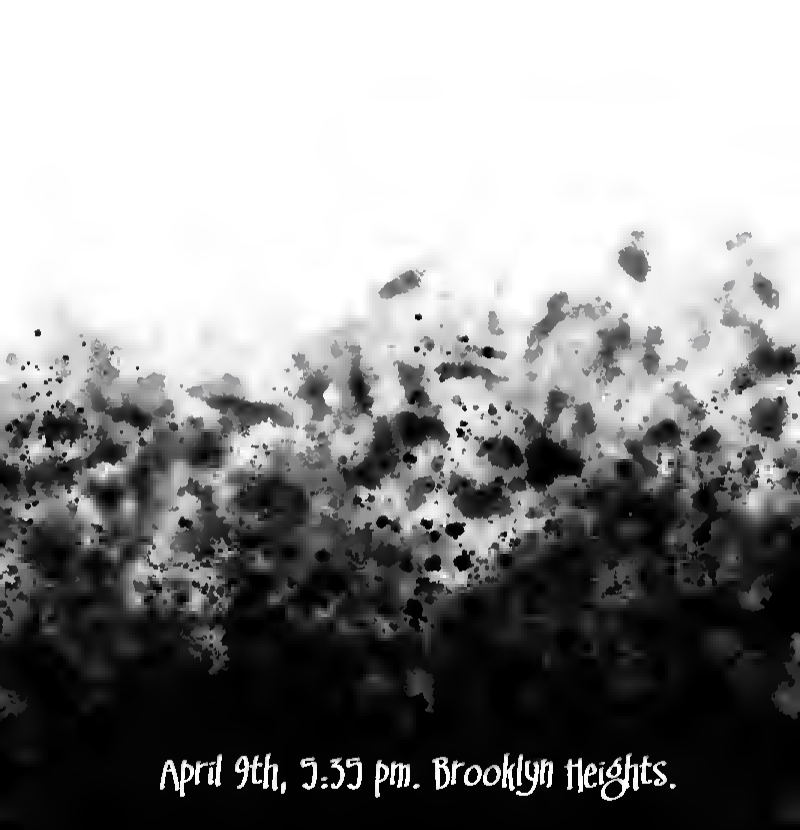
...BUT **SURELY** HE'LL SEE THE MARKETING POTENTIAL, I THOUGHT.


April 9th, 5:35 pm. Brooklyn Heights.
Stewing in my doc's office...

SELF-SABOTAGE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE FOR YOU.

BUT, WE'VE WORKED PAST IT AND YOU'VE HAD A STEADY FREELANCE JOB.
WHY TAKE THESE BACKWARD STEPS NOW?

I
WAS MAKING A
POINT. TAKING A
STAND.

DID YOU THINK THIS "STAND" WOULD MAKE JULIE NOTICE AND TAKE YOU BACK?

NO_

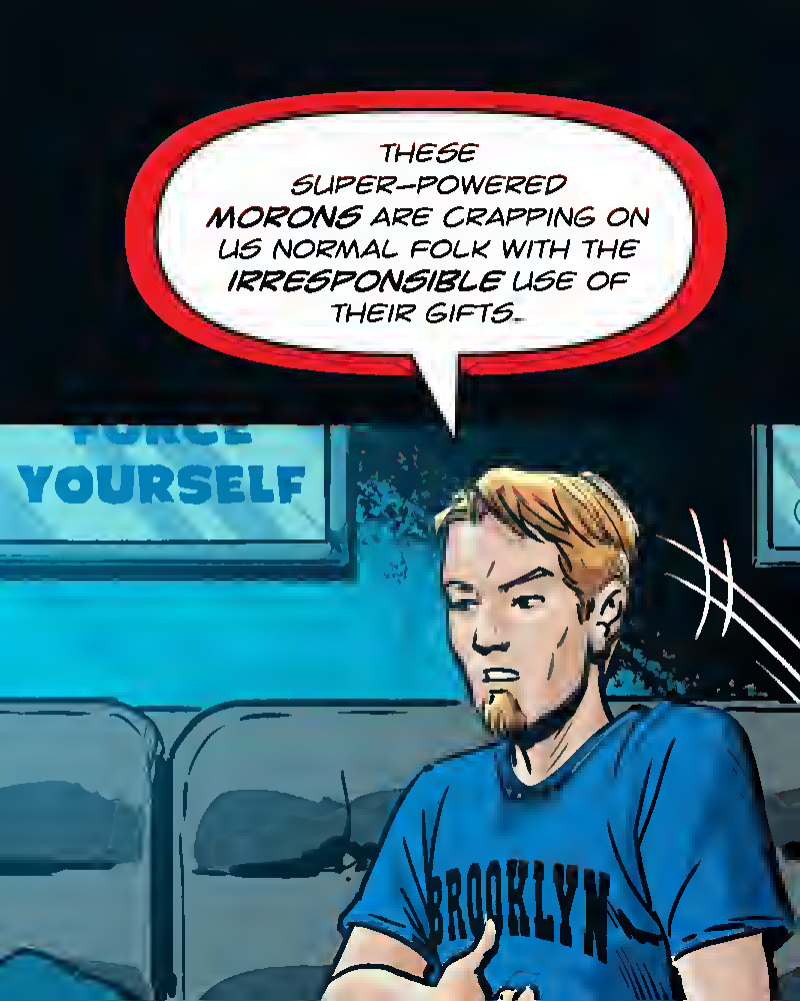
OKAY, THEN DID YOU THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE IMPRESSED

YOUR DAD?

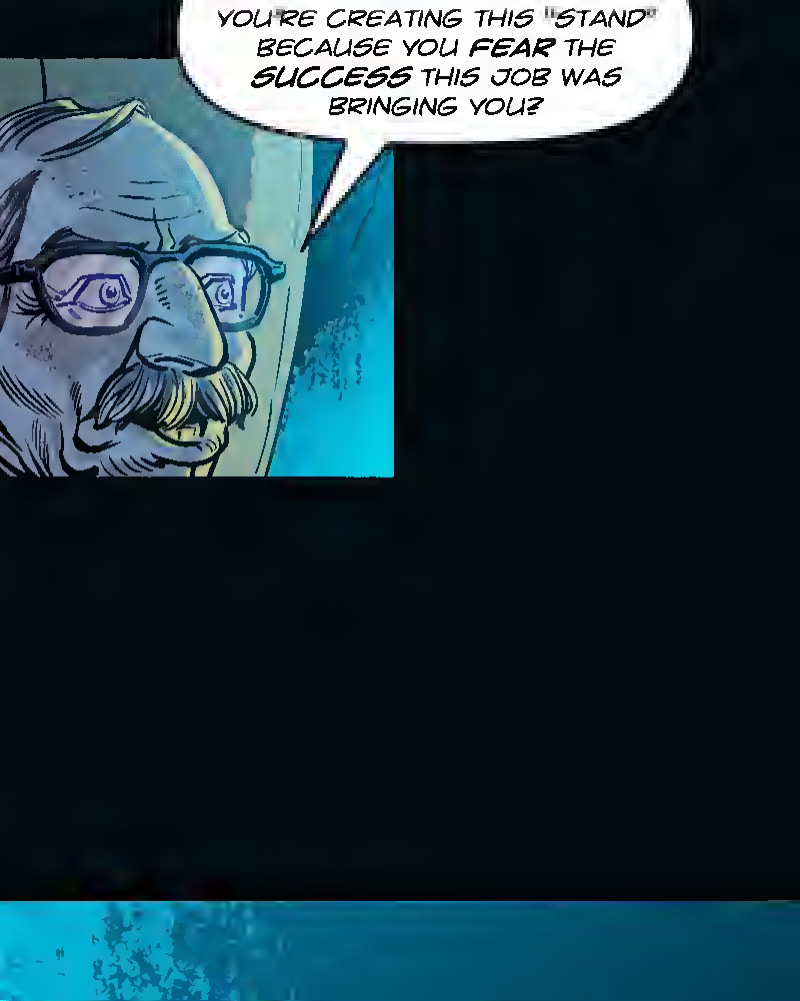
NO_

MAYBE-

BECAUSE YOUR DAD TOOK STANDS?


THESE SUPER-POWERED MORONS ARE CRAPPING ON US NORMAL FOLK WITH THE IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF THEIR GIFTS.
YOURSELF
BROOKLYN

JAKE,
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT


YOU'RE CREATING THIS "STAND" BECAUSE YOU FEAR THE SUCCESS THIS JOB WAS BRINGING YOU?

MY DOC HAS NO IDEA WHAT THE PAY RATES ARE FOR CARTOONISTS. DOES HE?

I WAS ANNOYED MY THERAPIST JUST DIDN'T GET ME..

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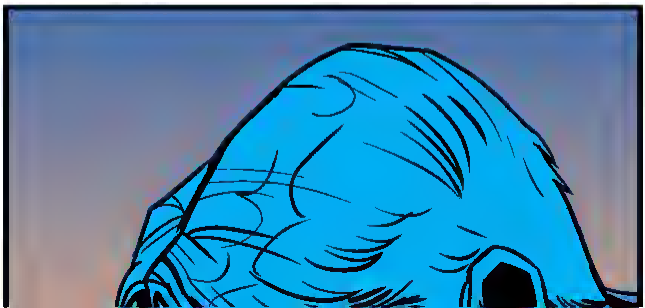
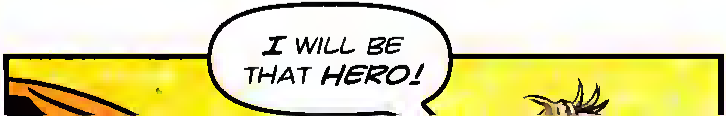
BUT MORE THAN THAT, I WAS SAD *THE BROOKLYNITE* WASN'T GOING TO SEE PRINT.



ACTUALLY, PRINT WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH. THE BROOKLYNITE NEEDED TO LIVE FOR REAL!

THE PEOPLE NEED A **HERO** THEY CAN BELIEVE IN.



GET A JOB!
HEROES ARE DESPICABLE THESE DAYS, HAVEN'T YA HEARD?
THERE IS NO HONOR AMONG THEM!
BACK IN MY DAY...

IF THIS WERE ONE OF THOSE COMIC BOOK MOVIE **ADAPTATIONS**, THERE WOULD BE A MONTAGE OF THE HERO **DRAMATICALLY** SEWING HIS COSTUME.

THE GREAT SECESSION,
WHEN BROOKLYN BROKE OFF

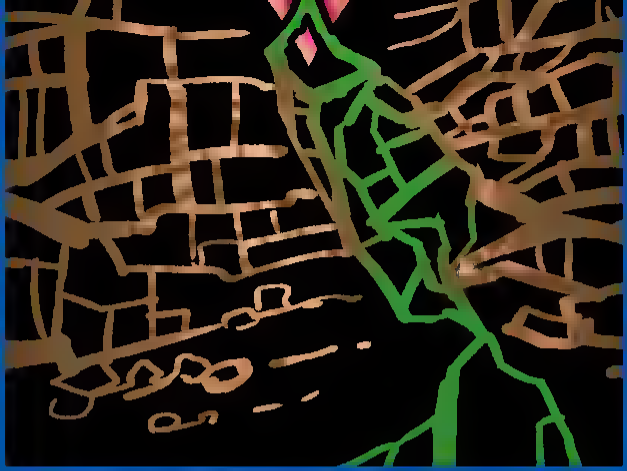
FROM THE REST OF NEW YORK CITY
OVER A YEAR AGO, AWAKENED
SOMETHING NEFARIOUS.

FOR CENTURIES, BROOKLYN'S MUNICIPLE
WASTE STEADILY OOZED INTO THE GROUND.

CONCENTRATING BELOW THE BOROUGH, *REFUSE* BEGAN TO ACCUMULATE DEEP UNDERGROUND, SLOWLY GAINING MASS AND...

...SENTIENCE.

WITH BROOKLYN'S HEART BROKEN, THIS SENTIENT SLUDGE WAS UPROOTED AND UNLEASHED FROM ITS EARTHBOUND PRISON.



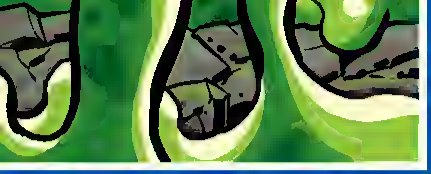
THE PLANET WAS
RIPE FOR PILLAGE
FROM THIS FOUL
ENTITY, HAVING
BEEN SAPPED BY
HUMANITY'S LACK
OF RESPECT FOR
ITS ENVIRONMENT.

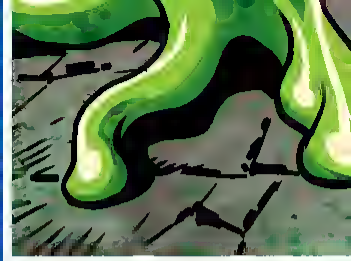
IT SOUGHT FREEDOM-

-AND WAS MET WITH TWO SIGNS OF HUMANKIND.

THERE WAS HOPE FOR THE MALEVOLENT BEING, A NEW HOME.

PLACE ALL REFUSE IN CAN
REFUSE...?
...REFUGE!





REFUGE
WAS BORN.

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